



OFFICE OF MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT

CITY OF CHICAGO

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Dear requestor:

On behalf of the City of Chicago Office of the Mayor ("Mayor's Office"), I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received in our offices on October 24, 2019, in which you asked for a search of:

"In a statement made to the Chicago Sun-Times, Lori Lightfoot is quoted as "Lightfoot noted that it's not just one database. It's more like "eight different databases." Source: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2019/7/12/20692156/chicago-mayor-lori-lightfoot-immigration-raids-executive-order-ice-homeland-security-gang-database> Therefore, I am requesting documents sufficient to show the number of known database(s) that ICE has access to as understood by the Mayor's office. Documents sufficient to show how the Mayor's Office came to learn the number was eight databases. Documents sufficient to show communications about how the Mayor's office plans to wind down ICE access to the databases. Documents sufficient to show any other external agencies with access to the same databases.

Your FOIA request is unduly burdensome. In order to conduct a search of our email system, the Mayor's Office would need the following search parameters: key words you wish to search for and the timeframe to be searched. Without search parameters, we would need to review all of the emails to and from the past two Mayors to determine whether any are responsive to your request. Such an undertaking would pose an immense burden on the department.

Section 3(g) of FOIA provides that "[r]equests calling for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information." 5 ILCS 140/3(g).

It is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed and clarified. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me, and I will assist you. Otherwise,

for the reasons provided above, the Mayor's Office is unable to respond to your FOIA request as currently drafted.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. The Mayor's Office will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,
/s/ Anjali Julka
FOIA Officer